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SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS COMMENT ON AFGHAN COUP - PART III

REF: KABUL 3320

1. THE THREE EDITORIALS WHICH APPEARED IN THE NEW DELHI PRESS MAY 4 ON THE AFGHAN COUP ACKNOWLEDGED, AS ONE PUT IT, "AFGHANISTAN'S SUDDEN SHARP TURN TO THE LEFT" AND AGREED THAT IRAN AND PAKISTAN WOULD BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS IN KABUL. THE THREE EDITORIALS THEN PROCEEDED TO DRAW COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS. THE "INDIAN EXPRESS" REASONED THAT AFGANISTAN'S LANDLOCKED POSITION WOULD REQUIRE THE NEW REGIME TO MAINTAIN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS NON-COMMUNIST NEGBORS. THE PRO-MOSCOW "PATRIOT", WHILE CONVEYING TO THE NEW REGIME THE BEST WISHES OF THE "PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE WORLD", WARNED IT TO GUARD AGAINST US-IRANIAN- AND PERHAPS PAKISTANI-INSPIRED SUBVERION. THE "PATRIOT" THOUGHT INDIA MIGHT HAVE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID TO AFGHANISTAN WHEN US AND WESTERN SOURCES "DRIED UP." THE STATESMAN" EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE SUPERPOWER CONNECTIONS OF AFGHANISTAN, IRAN AND PAKISTAN ARE LIKELY TO EXTEND REGIONAL TENSIONS INTO

A MUCH LARGER ARENA.

2. BOTH THE "INDIAN EXPRESS" AND THE PATRIOT"
REMARKED THAT THE S WAS STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER TO
CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW AFGHAN
REGIME.

3. DELCASSIFY ON RECEIPT.
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